



AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Population: Question on Hispanic Origin (P-5)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL USES OF DATA ABOUT HISPANIC ORIGIN

- The Department of Education uses these data to conduct studies, evaluations, and assessments of the number of disabled children of various racial and ethnic groups who graduate.
- The Department of Health and Human Services uses these data to designate professional shortage areas and medically underserved populations.
- The Department of Justice uses these data in enforcing bilingual election requirements of the Voting Rights Act.
- Community organizations use these data to set up child and elderly programs and to conduct voter registrations drives.
- State and local governments, faith-based and other non-profit organizations, and businesses use these data to plan, budget, and pay benefits.

QUESTION AS IT APPEARS IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

5 Is this person Spanish/Hispanic/Latino?
Mark (X) the "No" box if not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino.

☐ No, not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino
☐ Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano
☐ Yes, Puerto Rican
☐ Yes, Cuban
☐ Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino — Print group.

EXAMPLES OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DATA ABOUT HISPANIC ORIGIN

- Telecommunications Act of 1996
- Public Health Services Act
- Fair Housing Act

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HISTORY OF THE HISPANIC ORIGIN QUESTION

- The question on Hispanic origin was first asked in 1970.
- The question was also asked on the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire.

WHY WE ASK IT THIS WAY

The Hispanic origin question provides information that is needed for a more complete understanding of the composition of our population. It adheres to the October 1997 revised standards for classification of federal data on race and ethnicity issued by the Office of Management and Budget, which provide standard classifications for collection and presentation of such data. Because each answer provided by the respondent represents self-classification, the data provide a picture of how Americans see themselves.

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey that collects socioeconomic and housing information and is the planned replacement for the long form in the 2010 Census.

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct the ACS in every county, American Indian and Alaska Native Area, Hawaiian Home Land, and in Puerto Rico, once it is fully implemented, pending Congressional funding. The ACS has been tested across the country since 1996.

HOW CAN I SEE THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY?

The information collected from these tests is published on the Census Bureau's Web site at:

<www.census.gov/acs/www>

and American FactFinder at:

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